

ABSTRACT

A device-specific filtering method includes receiving a packet from a network, evaluating the packet to determine whether or not it or a file thereof has one or more undesirable characteristics and/or desirable characteristics, and controlling further transmittal and/or processing of one or more files of the packet based upon such evaluation. The device-specific filtering method may be effected by a destination device, such as a printer, for the transmitted packet or by a computer associated with a destination device. Programs, apparatus, and systems that effect the filtering method are also disclosed.

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